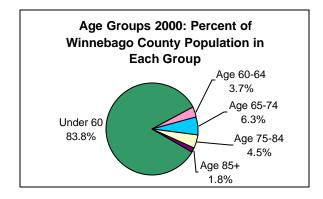
## Winnebago County's Older Population

A summary of data from the U.S. Census, 2000

## Population:

The proportion of people age 65 and older in Winnebago County is similar to that of the state as a whole (12.5% versus 13.1%). The rate of growth in the older population since 1990 has been faster in this county than in the state as a whole (9.1% versus 7.9%). In all, 19,663 people in this county are age 65 or older, and 2,804 of these are age 85 or older. Winnebago County's average (or median) age is 35.4 years, compared to a statewide median of 36.0 years.

Winnebago County: Population and Change Since 1990						
	2000 Census		1990 Census		Change: 1990-2000	
	Number	% of Total	Number	% of Total	Number	% Change
Total, All Ages	156,763		140,320		16,443	11.7%
Persons 60 and over	25,440	16.2%	23,798	17.0%	1,642	6.9%
Persons 65 and over	19,663	12.5%	18,023	12.8%	1,640	9.1%
Persons 85 and over	2,804	1.8%	2,158	1.5%	646	29.9%



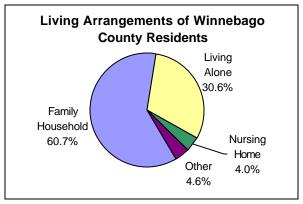
## Race:

A large majority (99.1%) of Winnebago County's 65 and over population is white. On average, the county's minority groups are younger than whites. Winnebago County African Americans have a median age of 29.1 years, and the median age of Hispanics/Latinos here is 22.3 years. Whites, in contrast, average 36.2 years.

## **Living Arrangements:**

Of the 61,157 households in Winnebago County, 13,423 include at least one person age 65 or older (21.9% of all households). A total of 12,659 housing units have a "household head" aged 65 or older, and 76.3% of these are owner occupied (the rest are rented).

A majority (60.7%) of the older population lives in "family households" containing at least two people related by blood or marriage, but another 30.6% of people 65 or older live alone. Of those older people in family households, 3.2% are living in the home of one of their children. A total of 792 people age 65 and older live in Winnebago County nursing homes (4.0% of all those in this age group). A very small number of the county's older residents live in nonfamily households or in other institutions.



**SOURCE:** U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000, Summary File 1.

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